

# THE DIALOG

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR THE STUDENTS OF GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE

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## Wilcox thrills many

On Thursday February 28, 1991, David Wilcox performed at Casa Loma's gymnasium. Although the crowd wasn't as populous as other Wilcox concerts, he did not disappoint.

There was no opening act for Wilcox. This gave people a chance to get up to Casa Loma from the weekly Thursday afternoon pub at St. James that was cut short for just that reason.

Finally, at close to eleven o'clock, Wilcox took the stage. At that point, the audience came to their feet and surged toward the stage. He started off with a tune from his latest album, then worked his way through all the classics like; "Riverboat Fantasy", "My Eyes Keep Me In Trouble," "Bad Apple," "Hot Pappa," and many others.

Wilcox played for about two hours. He kept the crowd enthused with his Rodney Dangerfield like eyes, peculiar facial expressions, and somewhat unorthodox playing style. He was called back for one encore, and it was a classic rendition of "Hypnotizin' Boogie."

David Wilcox in concert at Casa Loma's gymnasium, February 28th much to the approval of all those in attendance. Wilcox never disappoints.



## Sexual Awareness Week

The last week of February was sexual awareness week at George Brown. At St. James campus there were a number of events throughout the week, such as: Sex With Sue, Laura X, and "A Live Sex Show."

"Sex With Sue" was a lively and frank discussion about ... SEX. Sue Johansen provided the students of St. James campus with answers to their questions and comments about sex, in a very mature but to the point manner. It was very educational for those who came down to the Atrium to take in the discussion. She spoke for about two hours to the students and provided them with some very interesting and eye opening information.

On Tuesday the 26th, Laura X along with many other sat on a panel to discuss date and marital rape. The discussion started off as being very professional and organized. Later it became very

heated between those people on the panel and a couple of students listening in. Both parties had their own opinions on the subject, but it went too far and the two men unintentionally (hopefully) presented themselves in a very intimidating manner. This only added gasoline to the fire. No persons on either side of the debate convinced the other of anything, but it was fortunate that time was up when things started getting out of hand. The discussion officially ended and most people dispersed, at that time things were discussed a little more rationally, but to no avail.

On Wednesday the 27th, a very talented group of people from the Theatre Arts division came to the school to perform "Secrets", a play about a person who is infected with the aids virus. The play was reviewed in the last issue of the Dialog, so many already had an idea of what it was about. Un-

fortunately, it was tainted by some rather rude people in the Atrium, but things were discussed later by the culprits and some members of the cast and they seemed to come to some sort of understanding.

At Camp Zu (St. James Thursday afternoon pub) a group of people from outside the college came in to perform "A Live Sex Show". They dealt with the issues of sharing partners and needles through a number of skits designed to make people think about what they are doing. They spoke very candidly about the topics which made many people sit up and listen. The skits were somewhat humorous, but it raised many eyebrows and hopefully made many think a little more seriously about sex without a condom.

Also on Thursday a discussion was held with a public health nurse and a AIDS patient. The two guest discussed the disease

and how it affects people who are infected. A number of people took in the discussion and free condoms were distributed to those who attended.

Sexual awareness week wrapped up on the Thursday and like the name would suggest it made many a little more aware of their own sexuality, and how to protect themselves from the many sexual transmitted diseases.

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## Letters to the Editor

In response to the letter to the editor regarding fire alarm procedures at the St. James Campus. In the letter it is stated that "one of the Fire Marshal's just stood there holding the door open instead of telling the students to move across the street." As the Fire Marshal's are appointed by the "Chief Building Fire Emergency Officer" in other words, the campus manager or his or her designate, the two Fire Marshal's for the front door are the campus Managers secretaries. The duties of these Fire Marshal's are to make sure that people do not re-enter the building until the "All Clear" has been given by the Fire Department. Upon discussion with my secretaries they stated that they told the building's occupants to please cross King St. and stand on the south-side. In other words they had fulfilled their obligations, if people do not wish to follow instruction they

cannot be forced.

The other item in regards to "there were no faculty members outside with the students" . . . all faculty and students are given copies of the "Occupant Fire Safety Plan" at the beginning of the semester for them to read and discuss. In this pamphlet it states that all staff and students will vacate the building. If you feel that your faculty members are not following the procedures as described in the above mentioned document, students should discuss this matter with myself or the chairperson of their respective department. If students or staff would like to pick up additional copies of the "Occupant Fire Safety Plan" booklet they are available at the Campus Manager's Office in Room 275.

Andrew Stock  
Campus Manager

## \$6-MILLION WILL HELP LAID-OFF APPRENTICES TO CONTINUE TRAINING

HAMILTON - The Ministry of skills development is providing \$6-million to help registered apprentices laid off during the recession, Minister Richard Allen announced today.

"Apprenticeship represents an investment in people, and in the economic future of this province," said Mr. Allen. "It is essential to preserve that investment by helping laid-off apprentices to continue or complete their training."

The initiative will help up to 2,000 apprentices continue their training. It includes accelerating the in-school portion of apprenticeship training, and helping apprentices to find a place with one or more employers. It also provides technical training at an alternative location that resembles the workplace. Counselling will also be available to help appren-

tices determine what options are available to them.

Assistance will be delivered locally by community organizations across the province, coordinated by the ministry's District Apprenticeship Offices. Industrial Training Consultants from the ministry will work with apprentices and sponsors in the community to provide the best training options.

To ensure the highest level of assistance to apprentices, the ministry will cooperate with community-based groups such as Community Industrial Training Committees, local Apprenticeship Committees, local Labour Councils and with Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. The Ontario Ministry of Labour and Employment and Immigration Canada will also provide information and assistance.

The Ministry of Skills Development has already

begun to help laid-off apprentices by re-allocating funds to buy in-school training time, and by giving them priority, wherever possible, in scheduling in-school training. The ministry is also providing counselling on the best way to preserve their training.

"Apprentices provide a pool of skills that will be vital in helping the economy recover from the recession," said Mr. Allen. "As a province, we cannot afford to throw away those skills by denying apprentices the opportunity to continue their training when economic times become tough."

For more information, contact:

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## Georgie's Burning Question

Do you think there is a racial problem in the school?



**San Lyn**  
1st Year Micro  
Computer  
Operator



**Tracy Smith**  
1st Year Legal  
Administration



**Cyrelene Wilson**  
1st Year Health  
Records  
Administration  
No, definitely not. I  
don't find a racial  
problem at all. That  
was a major concern  
when I was looking  
into a college because I  
am a foreign student



**Anaesthesia Dept  
Francisco**  
1st Year  
Marketing  
No, not at all. Every-  
body is treated  
equally. There are so  
many minorities that it  
would be hard to  
discriminate.



**Bill Kostara**  
**Tony Lucreziano**  
1st Year Property  
Management

No, I see no evidence of racial discrimination. We have different groups in Canada and everyone stays in their own group. If there is any racial discrimination, it isn't being shown.

No, the majority of the students get along together. Certain students like sticking to their culture. They might seem racist to an outsider, but if you get to talk to them, they are just like you and me.

**Tina Kirby**  
International  
Student Advisor

Yes, from what I hear every day I know that racial tensions do exist, and I think that it's time the problem is addressed at both the student and staff level. In a big-city college like George Brown, there are many cultures and backgrounds working and studying together. Respect and equality for all in not a nice thing, it is the policy of our college and it must be enforced.

**Christine Pointer**  
Court Reporting/ Afro-  
Caribbean President

I don't see things in Canada as a racial problem but rather a lack of education and understanding about different cultures and about ourselves.



**Gary Hartley**  
Culinary ManManagement/Campus  
Rep. International Student Assoc.

Yes, there is a racial problem. It is more of a student to student problem, but there is an odd case of teacher student.

## Dialogue Across Borders: Black History Month

International Student  
Association

Students of today are the leaders of the future.

As we plan for tomorrow we need to first understand our past. We must evaluate the lessons of history to prevent mistakes from occurring.

As Black History Month 1991 winds down, it is a great opportunity for us to ponder the meaning of significance of it's annual celebration, and what Black History means to all of us here in Toronto.

Black History Month originated in the United States in the 1960's (although the first Negro History Week was celebrated in 1962). The month of February was chosen because it included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

In 1979, the Ontario Black History Society petitioned the Mayor of Toronto to issue the proclamation that February is Black History Month. Since then, the celebration

of Black History Month in Toronto has been an annual tradition.

Why do we need to recognize Black History Month, and not, say, White History? In Canada, as in the United States, the public school curriculum does not teach the role of Black people in our nation's history in any great detail, if at all. Therefore, young Black children often grow up unaware of their ancestor's existence and role in building this country — as do all children.

Because of this gap in the educational system, the community has stepped in to fill the void. Joyce Brown, an educator with the Peel Board of Education, teaches Black History on Saturday mornings to primary school children. "We are taught White history 12 months of the year," she said at a recent talk given at George Brown, "Black History Month is a validation of our contribution to help us

build this continent."

What about our Black History here in Toronto? Black people have lived in Ontario since the 18th century. After Canada's first Legislative Assembly abolished slavery in 1793, many fugitive American slaves settled in Newark (later Niagara-on-the-Lake).

The residents of York (later re-named 'Toronto') included Black's from the Town's earliest days. It's first Black business people were two contractors, Jack Mosee and William Willis, who opened a road westward from Yonge Street through "the Pinery" in 1799.

Toronto in 1834 was the third largest city on the Great Lakes. As it grew, the corresponding boom in industry and business created a demand for skilled workers, merchants and businesspeople. Word filtered into the U.S. that there was work to be had in Toronto, and the city became a major haven for runaway slaves, many of them settling in old Ward 4, west of the present University Avenue.

In the mid-1850's Toronto had about 50,000

residents, including about 1,200 Blacks. Chief of Police Samuel Sherwood reported a lower crime rate for Blacks than for Whites. In 1856, for example, 5,346 people were arrested by Toronto's police, and of these only 78 were Black.

Unfortunately, racism and discrimination in Canada, two major concerns in today's Black community, dates back as far back as when the first Black people arrived into the country. As early as 1851 there were at least 35,000 refugees in Canada West, and prejudice was almost plainest in the areas where most Blacks had settled. Chatham's Blacks, for instance, at one time made up one-third of its residents, and the town was considered both a mecca for refugees and the most prejudiced community in Upper Canada.

Although Canadian Blacks faced bigotry, they also had the support of white allies and friends. After Simcoe's legislation of 1793 and the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire in 1833, many Canadians came to hate the American slave

system. Toronto was a centre of abolitionist activity, and it's anti-slavery sentiment was strong—in fact, the Canadian Anti-Slavery Society was founded here.

The influence of George Brown, who was the publisher of the Toronto Globe, and our College's namesake, was also a strong deterrent to racist policy in the city. Brown ran strong editorials denouncing prejudice and did much to create a positive climate of opinion for Black refugees.

The history of people of African descent in Ontario is one that dates back 160 years. The tradition of George Brown supporting non-discriminatory policies also has roots in our College's history.

So the next time a Black person says they're Canadian, don't ask where their parents were born, but thank them for the contribution they, and their ancestors, have made to Canada.

History, indeed, can teach us many important lessons.

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## Student Success Network

The Casa Loma Committee has completed its cafeteria survey. The committee, (Sean Forbes, Gerry Nugent, Madhvi Chona, Franky Chernin) interviewed 88 students who rated cafeteria food, services, prices, and atmosphere.

Comments ranged from:

"Get rid of Versa - they don't deserve to be making so much money from the crap they serve" to "Prices are competitive, I used to go to U of T and G.B.C. is much cheaper."

The most consistent comments were about the cashiers, whom everyone rated extremely high, "Staff (cashiers) are great at Casa Loma. I am from St. James and I can't get over the difference in staff attitudes."

Students rated the cafeteria on a 4 point scale, 1 being the highest. Food (taste, quality, variety) was rated an overall 3 and prices 4.

Students were also asked for suggestions, which included:

- larger service area
- express line for drinks only
- less greasy fried food
- better training for counter staff
- paint the cafeteria white
- have better decoration; pictures
- music

Students also rated the College "Green" campaign and the new "Trash" campaign. Both deemed important by students and rated it as somewhat effective. Suggestions included:

- more trash containers, emptied more often
- stickers right on tables telling people to clean up
- new slogan, "Throw Your Trash or We'll Charge You Cash," suggested by Ron Young, Basic Electricity

Students results are being forwarded to The Versa Manager, and The College Environment Committee.

## Other Student Success Activities:

A meeting has been organized off all interested parties to plan for Orientation for September.

We want all students to feel welcome, to have access to the information and assistance. We need to ensure a successful college experience, and we want them to have fun.

If you have any suggestions and/or would like to join us, please contact Franky Chernin at 944-4579. The meeting will be held on March 27, Casa Loma Rm. 318 12-2 p.m.

We are also producing a Video Message to the new President, John Rankin .

"What would you like to tell the President of G.B.C.?"

Watch for a flyer with dates and times when we will be at your campus.

## More new students here already have degrees, diplomas

### -City College News

More first-year students are coming to George Brown with cap - and gown - in hand.

They're enrolling in post-secondary programs after graduating from university or other college programs.

A survey of first year students in the fall of 1990 has found that almost one in four already have university degrees, college diplomas, or have earned some university credits.

That's a 30 per cent increase from 1988, and more than twice the level of most other Metro colleges.

The biggest increase was in university graduates, who jumped from four to

seven per cent of new post-secondary students.

The survey also found that the number of people without secondary school diplomas increased two per cent to eight per cent of the total.

The 33-question survey, which was conducted at all six Metro area colleges, showed that George Brown is different from other colleges in several ways:

- \* George Brown has the largest number of students who are married (11 per cent) and the largest number who report having people who are financially dependant on them (22 per cent)

- \* It also has the oldest student population, with 60

per cent of new students over 21 years old.

- \* A far greater number of George Brown students rely on public transit to get to college (77 per cent), and more spend an hour or more travelling each way (33 per cent).

- \* George Brown had the smallest proportion (29 per cent) of students who reported that secondary school was their primary activity in the year before college, and the largest (33 per cent) who reported time work in that period.

- Women now make up 56 per cent of all first-year students at the college - a four per cent increase from 1988.

### A.C.E.

President Douglas E. Light has initiated two annual bursaries as a permanent memorial to the 14 women who were murdered at E'cole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989

One bursary will be granted to a second-year female student in any of the programs in the School of Technology and Sci-

ence.

Each recipient will receive a bursary to cover tuition for one year plus \$300 to cover the cost of books, equipment and materials.

The selection criteria are financial need, the successful completion of all first-year courses, and demonstration of leader-

ship skills.

The selection process will be by individual application and recommendation by the dean of the appropriate division/school and appropriate chair(s).

These bursaries will be initiated for the 1991-92 academic year.

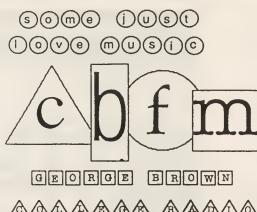
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6. Clandad and Bono In A Life
7. Hi-Bias Wind It Up
8. Chris Isaak Heartbreak World
9. AC/DC Razors Edge
10. Soup Dragons Love Gods
11. The Cure Mixed Up
12. Bel Biv de Voe Poison
13. Enigma MCMXC A.D.
14. The Doors Sound Track
15. Front 242 Tragedy For You
16. Mariah Carey Mariah Carey
17. M.C. Hammer Please Hammer Don't Hurt'em
18. Sting Soul Cages
19. Black Crows Money Maker
20. George Micheal Listen Without Prejudice

## TOP 5 DANCE BACKTRACK SINGLES

1. Hi-bias Get Up
2. A guy Called Gerald Voodoo Ray
3. Bee Gees Stayin Alive
4. Greg Lee Got U On My Mind
5. Technotronic Pump Up The Jam

## TOP 10 DANCE TRACKS

1. Razor Blayd Cruisin
2. Jane's Addiction Been Caught Stealing
3. Soup Dragons I'm Free
4. Index Give Me A Sign
5. Hi-bias Don't Look Back
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# THE SAC SHACK

# Return of The Benchwarmer

It has been twenty years plus since I last wrote an article about hockey at George Brown. At that time I was a student playing for the varsity team and reporting to the student newsletter, "The Globe" under the pen name The Benchwarmer. Although this article is not about a varsity team, it is about a group of students who formed a team, on short notice, and went to play in a tournament. The students are members of the George Brown College house league and normally play against each other on Tuesday nights.

Moss Park Arena announced that they were holding a tournament to be played from Thursday, February 21 to Sunday 24. Some of the students showed interest and formed a team of our all-stars. Val Pozzan of the Athletic department was asked to coach the team and called upon me to assist him. We also used Richard Moreau of Casa Loma's Athletic Department as the trainer. To top it all off we borrowed team sweaters from *Casual Daze* a Queen St. clother and took on their name, Bandits.

The team not only looked good, they played well together. One grudging opponent said that we should be playing in one of the recreational leagues; high praise, indeed, since we had not had time to practice for the tournament.

To win the tournament we would have to beat four other teams. The first team was known only as Merv and put up a good fight but we beat them 5 to 1. Dave Menzies played in our net for the first game while Jeff Schinke, Scott Carscadden, Robert Whitten each scored a goal and Dave Ross added two more.

Although the games were supposed to be non-contact the aggressiveness

of the players on both teams began to show through. Jaime Guolla was given a one game suspension for fighting. This game seemed to set the stage for the rest.

Game two was played on Saturday night and provided us with an opponent named Beaches and again some chippy play on both sides escalated to aggressiveness and Mike Facoetti was suspended for one game, (this really came as no surprise to those of us who know Mike). In goal for the remaining games was Mike Ferguson and we won this game 4 to 1. Brian Simpson and Christian Hawkes each scored one while Dave Ross again scored twice and earned the game's Most Valuable Player award. Sheepishly, Dave tried to tell us that he, "just happened to be in the right place at the right time".

I learned that after the game some of the opposing players were worried about coming into the lounge to watch the replay of the game. They knew we were there and were worried that we might start some trouble. Where did they get the idea that we were goons?

The third game was played Sunday morning. We faced a team from Collegiate Sports in a do-or-die showdown. The winner would go on to the final game and the loser was out! The game was punctuated with penalties to us and Coach Pozzan was hard pressed to point out to referees that there were two teams on the ice. The officials seemed to think that our warriors were the only ones to do bad things. Again Mike Ferguson limited the other team to one go while Guy Ludwig, Christian Hawkes each scored one and Dave O'Laughlin scored twice in the 4 to 1 win.

The final game, scheduled for 5:45, was delayed



for safety reasons. The goal crease at the south end of the rink had been scraped right down to the cement and a new surface had to be created. Although it sounded like an easy job it delayed the game for over an hour. As if the ice wasn't enough to put us on edge, our goalkeeper took a hard shot to the side of his mask during practise. He seemed dazed at first but the only injury was a slight pain to the ear lobe. This was relief to yours truly because I was the only one at the game who had played goal. The thought of me replacing him made me (only

slightly) comatose.

Finally, the rink officials gave the ice their approval and we faced our last challenger, the Whalers.

We had watched the Whalers in their semi-final game and conceded that this team was going to be our toughest opponent. They were just as big and just as fast as we were and they had one player who had developed the technique of stick-handling to an art form. As it turned out, this individual accounted for two assists out of three goals the Whalers got. But that was still not good enough to beat our

six.

James Simpson, Nick Lamachia, Steve Levine and Dave O'Laughlin each scored once while Rob Whitten, our team captain, scored twice. The final score was GBC 6 Whalers 3.

Our thanks go out to *Casual Daze* for the loan of the uniforms.

My thanks go out to the players for making me a part of their great victory even though my participation was a little more than the door opener.

## Sporting Notes

### Final Standings

#### Volleyball

##### Women's

4th in regular season  
3rd in O.C.A.A. Division II

##### Men's

6th in regular season  
6th in O.C.A.A. Division II

#### Basketball

##### Women's

7th in regular season

##### Men's

11th in regular season

#### Women's Skiing

2nd in O.C.A.A.

#### Soccer

##### Women's

2nd in regular season

##### Men's

6th in regular season

#### Individual Awards

##### Women's Basketball

Debbie Grannum  
Scoring Champion avg.  
20.3 ppg  
O.C.A.A. All-Star  
C.C.A.A. All Canadian

#### Women's Volleyball

Sarah Torrible  
O.C.A.A. All-Star  
Sara Charles  
O.C.A.A. All-Star  
Championship All-Star

#### Skiing

Lisa Renwick  
3rd Women's Giant Slalom  
3rd Overall  
Steve Dickson  
2nd Men's Giant Slalom  
3rd Men's Slalom  
3rd Men's Overall Champion

GEORGE BROWN

by DAVE WOOD



## Leave it to Sydney

The room was a zoo of uncaged animals, from across the room I saw him; Levi Buttonflys, long brown hair, and bright blue eyes. He stood alone, he was beautifully built and stimulatingly stunning. In a jam packed room infested with sweat, the boy stood alone appearing to know no one. After looking at him for what seemed an eternity, after brushing against him ever so delicately, after smiling coyly up at him, he finally noticed me.

...leave it to Sydney

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Hello and Welcome Back!!!

If you are ever looking to have a lot of 'Fun in the Sun' consider a trip to the sunny Island of Jamaica. I just returned from an exciting week in Jamaica along with 30 other students and friends of G.B.C. We spent the week in Runaway Bay at the Sunflower Villas. Whilst there, we found ourselves in the company of a Jamaican by the name of Winston Spencer. He was the best tour guide anyone could ask for and his services were "au gratis." While touring on our 250 scooters

Winston showed us the backlands of Jamaica and it was an experience that those present will not soon forget. Everywhere we went we heard people whispering "Ganja Mon," but I never really figured out they meant. By the end of the week almost everyone was sick of being bothered by the Jamaicans trying to push their products on us.

It was certainly an experience at Ocho Rios craft market where the first price they gave you could easily be slashed by 50% if not 75% of the original price.

One thing I have now discovered is that we should have two-week March Break in order to recover from the first week of hard partying.

I am sure I speak for all those who went to Jamaica when I say that it was an excellent time, and we all had a lot of really fond memories.

"Irie Mon"

Just a couple of quick notes to bring you up to date with what's happening at St. James in the future.

Semi-formal Boat Cruise

May 10 (year-end bash)

The Student Council elections are set and nomi-

nation forms are now available, this is your chance to have a say in the way your money is spent.

That's all for now, so until we meet again "Have Fun, and if your not come and see me"

Timothy D. Mitchell  
Director of Social Events  
St. James S.A.C.  
867-2454

P.S. I am seeking re-election and my title has changed to V.P. of Activities.

## DEAR GEORGIE,

Dear Georgie,

This is the mother of all problems! I just lost a war and a country I thought was mine. I feel that the last seven months has been a waste of my time. What can I do to regain my status?

-Saddam

Dear Georgie,

I just found out that my next Financial exam is the same one that my roommate wrote last year. I know that if I use it, I'll never get caught but my conscious will kill me.

-Sure thing

Dear Sure thing,  
What's the problem?

Dear Satan,

The last seven months has been a waste of your time!

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